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Applicant: Uchikoshi, M. et al

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1, 2, 12 and 13, and Group II claims 3-11.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group I claims 1, 2, 12 and 13.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Uchikoshi, M. et al. in the above-identified patent application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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